

CHAPTER 4 RULES APPLYING TO ALL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
EDUCATION IN TEXAS

SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

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4.3. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

(1) Associate of Science degree and the Associate of Arts degree--collegiate degrees consisting of lower-division courses designed to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor's degree program.

(2) Associate of Applied Science degree and the Associate of Applied Arts degree--technical certificates issued to students who complete workforce education curricula of collegiate level.

(3) Associate of Arts in Teaching degree--Board-approved collegiate degree programs consisting of lower-division courses intended for transfer to baccalaureate programs that lead to initial Texas teacher certification.

(4) [3] Bachelor of General Studies degree--a program designed principally for mature students who seek a flexible degree program and who do not desire or may not meet prerequisites of a highly structured traditional degree program, and to permit students to plan, with advisement, an individualized program with access to a wide range of academic disciplines and fields of professional study.

(5) [4] Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences degree--a program designed to provide a path to a bachelor's degree for students who have earned previous collegiate credit through workforce education curricula. The degree program combines general education requirements and a professional component designed to complement the student's technical or vocational competence.

(6) [5] Board--The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(7) [6] Commissioner--The Commissioner of Higher Education.

(8) [7] Common calendar--dates and information pertaining to the beginning and ending (and lengths) of academic semesters and sessions, applicable to all Texas public universities and community, technical and state colleges.

(9) [8] Consulting or testifying expert witness--any non-fact witness whose name must be disclosed during litigation as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

(10) [9] Degree program--any grouping of subject matter courses which, when satisfactorily completed by a student, will entitle the student to a degree from an institution of higher education.

(11) [40] Faculty or professional staff of an institution of higher education--a non-classified, full-time employee who is a member of the faculty or staff and whose duties include teaching, research, administration or performing professional services, including professional library services.

(12) [44] Fiscal year--the State of Texas' fiscal year, September 1 through August 31.

(13) [42] Institution of higher education or institution--any public technical institute, public junior college, public senior college or university, medical or dental unit, or other agency of higher education as defined in Texas Education Code, §61.003.

(14) [43] Interdisciplinary baccalaureate degrees--the Bachelor of General Studies degree (defined in paragraph (4) of this section) and such general degrees as liberal arts or humanities. These broad-based degrees vary in the amount of prescriptive structure but share the characteristics of flexibility for the student and interdisciplinary course selection.

(15) [44] Non-classified--an employee whose position is not controlled by the institution's classified personnel system or a person employed in a similar position if the institution does not have a classified personnel system.

(16) [45] Religious holy day--A holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under the Texas Tax Code, §11.20.

4.4. - 4.8. No changes.